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SUBJECT: DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS:
ARGENTINE INVOLVEMENT

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5479 (NOTAL)

1. TWO ARGENTINE EMBOFFS INVITED EMBOFF TO LUNCH AUGUST 14 AND PROCEEDED TO PUMP HARD FOR ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE ON ABOVE SUBJECT. ARGENTINES STATED THEIR EMBASSY HERE IS UNDER "URGENT" INSTRUCTIONS TO CLARIFY THIS AFFAIR, ESPECIALLY ANY ARGENTINE CONNECTION. ONE OF ARGENTINES HAD JUST COME FROM TWO-HOUR "FACT-GATHERING" SESSION WITH COMMITTEE FOR PEACE. EMBOFF LIMITED RESPONSE TO SKETCHING VARIOUS LOGICAL POSIBILITIES, WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT NO HARD EVIDENCE EXISTS.

2. ARGENTINES EXPLICITLY AND VOCIFEROUSLY DENIED ANY GOC/GOA LINK AT SECURITY SERVICES LEVEL (DINA/SIDE) "ON THIS SUBJECT," ALTHOUGH THEY ACKNOWLEDGED "PROBABLE" DINA LINKS TO TRIPLE A. APPARENTLY THEIR OPERATING THEORY IS THAT GOC, THROUGH DINA, CONCOCTED COVER STORY TO "EXPLAIN" THE PROBLEM OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS. MAIN THRUST OF THIS INQUIRY WAS TO
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TRY TO DETERMINE IF GOC "DID IT ALONE, ALBEIT IN BUENOS AIRES,"

OR WHETHER ARGENTINE GROUPS "HELPED OUT." THEY DENIED ANY CONFRONTATION IN SALTA AREA, AND SAID GOA PLANS TO RELEASE STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT SOON.

3. ARGENTINES ARE AWARE THAT "O DIA" PUBLISHER LARA HAD RECEIVED HIS LIST FROM "A FRIEND IN BUENOS AIRES" (SAO PAULO 1608). THEY SAID ARGENTINE EMBASSY/BRAZIL HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO QUESTION LARA AS TO THE IDENTITY OF HIS ARGENTINE FRIEND.

4. ARGENTINES SAID GOA HAD AT FIRST IGNORED THIS AFFAIR IN RUSH OF OTHER INTERNAL ARGENTINE POLITICAL EVENTS, BUT BOTH ARGUED STRONGLY GOA IS NOW DETERMINED TO CLARIFY SITUATION AND IS IN NO WAY ATTEMPTING A COVERUP.

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